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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I had been hopeful that the Justice Department would settle its anti-trust lawsuit against Microsoft for the last year and a half, and I am glad to see the two sides were finally able to reach a reasonable compromise in November of last year. This case has dragged on for much too long, and it is time for the government to spend its time and energy on more important issues than trying to hinder the success of an innovative company such as Microsoft.

Our nation's economy is struggling at the moment, and settling this case will do much to stimulate it. Once competition increases in the technology industry it will get a real boost, and this will affect the whole economy. This will be made possible by Microsoft's willingness to grant rights to computer-makers that will allow them to promote non-Microsoft products within Windows. There is no reason to extend this lawsuit past this point.

I appreciate your settling this case and stopping litigation at the federal level. I am looking forward to seeing the government focus on improving the economy in the future.

Sincerely,

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cc: Representative Henry Hyde

